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be a reflection upon his leadership or the committee's work. But we are, as the Rules Committee, our duty is to take a look at proposals that come to us and to carry forward, after discussion with the body and with others, what we feel is a reasonable way to deal with a problem that we have. This is a problem. We can talk about it this year. We can talk about it next year. We can talk about it every year as far as I'm concerned. It's not going away. We can deal with it this year. We can take a reasonable proposal, have reasonable discussions and attempt to deal with the issue. Or we can step back and say it's business as usual, we don't want to make any changes because it takes too long to talk about it and get to a vote. I think it's an important issue. I am the newcomer to this body, but I've watched how this body has operated and its committee system. I think the committees or the Rules Committee is doing its job. If you want us to just show up once a year and adopt the temporary rules and make them the permanent rules we can do that, but I don't think that's a responsible thing to do as a member of the Rules Committee and I think it's important we have this discussion. Now, none of these proposals will be implemented for a year, so nothing changes this year. We'll still have an Agriculture Committee. It won't be merged till next year. All your committee assignments remain the same. Gives you a year to think about it, think about where you want to serve in this body. I think it's a reasonable proposal and I don't apologize for supporting, as the Rules Committee did unanimously, bringing it to you this year.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Further discussion, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In the same way that Patrick Henry said he had to pay his devoir to virtue, when he was going to acknowledge that, although he was against slavery, he was carried away by the attitude in the community and the convenience of slaves, he had to continue holding his slaves and would not release them. Paying my devoir to Senator Thompson, I thoroughly understand her sense of responsibility as a member of the Rules Committee. I'm not disparaging that. I just disagree with the way they're trying to carry it out, that's all. But if her suggestion or offer is that if one person told them to show up once a year and adopt the temporary rules, then I'm making